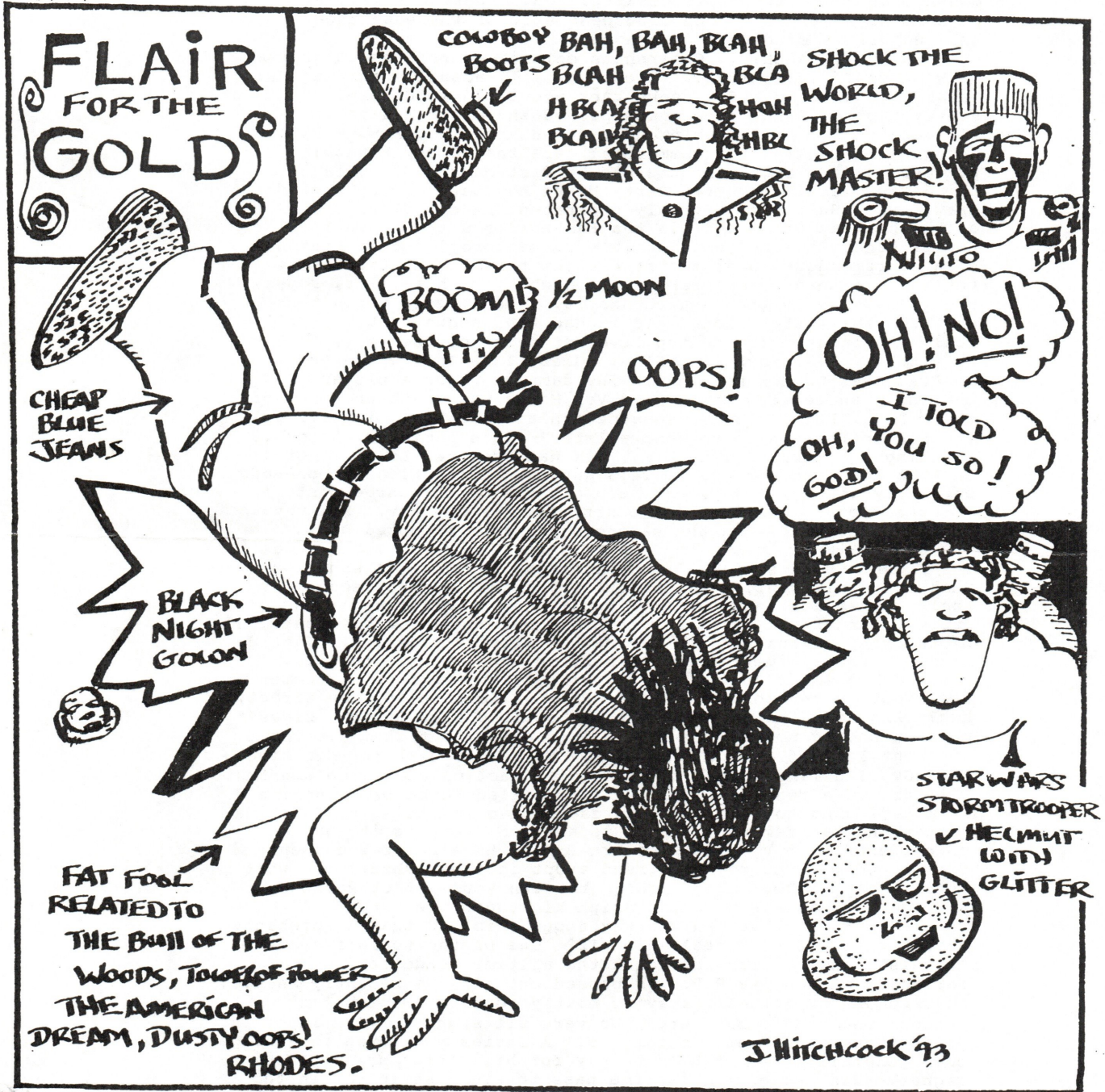


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SHOOTKICK

by Jeff Bowdren

Okay, okay. Maybe I'm just in a good mood this ish or something, but I've decided to forego any Shootkick this month. Sorry if anyone is disappointed. Instead I'll just do sort of a stream of consciousness sort of whatever-the-hell enters my mind sort of nonsense.

ALERT....ALERT....Chairshots columnist prepares to praise Mark Madden!.....STANDBY....Guess what? I actually enjoyed Mr. Paranoia's article a few weeks back about old moldy Ole.

Pretty damn good and once again proved that when Madden puts his mind to it, he can whip out a decent column...Anyone have a chance to look at the commercial tape that Smoky Mountain put out called "Smokey Mountain's Wildest Matches"? This thing was great! Some fun Dirty White Boy matches, some wild brawls with Sullivan, a vastly overrated "unedited" version of the hallway brawl between the Fantastics & the Heavenly Bodies (there's like three audible curse words) and it finishes with a tremendous, 5-star street fight between the two teams. Let's see: powder, chairshots, racquets, trashcan lids, ropes, etc. You name it, this match has it. The tape is worth the cost for this match alone. If it had been shown on t.v., it would've finished in the top five for match of the year, GARE-RON-TEED....I liked Summer Slam. Geez, I feel like someone at an A.A. meeting coming clean. The damn show was a pisser, and the whole angle with Lawler and Von Harts was worth the cost of the P.P.V....BUT...?....Can someone explain the logic in having the Kid do the job to Rotoundwallster? It's a mystery to me... Speaking of unsolved mysteries, WCW has promoted Eric Bischoff!! Is that hilarious or what? This guy may be the biggest bonehead currently working today, and he's got one of the three most important positions in the industry in this country. But why try to understand when the same company also promoted David "My ass won't be putting up the ring again anytime soon" Crockett? The recent success of AAA in California just goes to show you what an intelligent, well thought out promotion who recognizes their target audience can do. Applicants from Atlanta need not apply...Cornette's interview from his bedroom where he's surrounded by the stuffed animals was one of his alltime classics. Just do us all a favor Jimmy and don't stretch yourself too thin.... Meltzer's comment about Luger looking like Stan Lane at Summerslam was right on the money. That IcoPro has some weird side effect, huh? And am I the only one who has noticed that Luger's biggest concern should not be his ab's or his delts, but that ever more apparent loss of a hairline? Lex, baby. Hairclub for Men time.... And now, I'd like to present a special section of the column that will become a regular feature. It's called "Name Dropping", and it's dedicated to that fine representative of the North Carolina educational system who's initials are B.M. (and is it just a coincidence that his initials are B.M.?) Here's a few comments on some people you may have read about in other sheets and what their really like: Greg Goode: how can you respect someone who admits that his wife can drink him under the table? Dave Flaherty: what can you say about this guy that he probably hasn't told you repeatedly himself? One of the world's great hedonists and the man who holds the alltime hardcore record for most consecutive P.P.V.'s passed out at. He recently snapped that record by actually staying mostly sober at Summerslam. I guess you had to be there. We were all stunned. One important point that Dave sometimes forgets. A ladies man, even an average one, generally doesn't have to pay for his action, Mr. Bitch Magnet. Ron Lemieux: Lifetime pass to every strip bar in the Sunshine state. 'Nuff said. Lizette Lopez: Who? Your right if your wondering who she is. Actually she's someone who works with me and since she's about 8 months pregnant and "Ready to Drop" (Any Loretta Sterling fans out there?), I'd figured the least I could do was wish her all the best. Right now she's living large and I'm gettin a full blown woodster thinkin' about her blowing about 8 pounds of screaming porcupine thru her sugar wall come prime birthin' time.....I'm outta here.....

ARENA RAMBLINGS

BY RON LEMIEUX

Ron the Morannhere: I just watched the Quebecers beat the Steiners for the WWF tag belts. "Quebec Province Rules". Give me a break. More like the Steiners probably held Vince up and refused to do a clean job since there was talk late last week that they were going to walk out with the belts..... Looks like Crush will be returning (Ho Hum) although most likely as a heel as when Randy Savage started talking on the phone line Crush hung up..... Looks like Eddie Gilbert is no longer with ECW. Apparently Tod Gordon had a 6 month deal with Eddie and it was up to Tod whether or not to continue the relationship or not. Looks like Gordon will be joining up with the WWN group out of Texas and promote shows in the Wash-Baltimore-Philly area. Gilbert has been replaced on the upcoming UltraClash show this Saturday by Kevin Sullivan. So it will be Sully & Abby vs. Terry Funk & Hansen.....There have been a couple of changes in the Halloween Havoc card coming from New Orleans. The top bouts will be Cactus-Vader, Sid-Sting, Regal-Steamboat return, and Nasty Boys vs. Bagwell & Scorpio. It was originally to be Nasties vs. Flair & Roma but there may be a Rude-Flair return. Who knows.....WWF in Boston on 9/11 before approx 6,000 saw Doink beat 1-2-3 Kid, Steiners over Shrinkers, Diesel & Michaels beat Jannetty & Hennig, Ramon over IRS by count out, Tatanka downed Bigelow, Undertaker squashed Adam Bomb in 3 minutes, And Yokozuna beat Bret Hart in what was described to me as a ****+ bout as Yoko left the cage.....Soapbox time gang. I don't mean to ruffle any feathers but.... I have to state my opinion on the recent rash of Meltzer bashing and some readers being called "Meltzer worshippers". I've found that people who have these opinions usually have a personal problem with Dave and not so much the Observer itself. I know of a couple instances where the person isn't happy with the way Dave plugs other newsletters. I'll admit that I was never totally satisfied with plugs for "AR" since I felt that content wise it was just as good if not better than the Torch yet I was just given the obligatory price and address while Torch got at least a few lines. Sour grapes? No. Do you know why? It's called E-D-I-T-O-R. It's Dave's sheet. It's his opinion life goes on people. My policy for plugging sheets when I did "AR" was if I wouldn't waste my money on a newsletter, why should I suggest to my readers to subscribe to it. I don't believe in this all help each other crap. I've wasted enough space. Why did I just think of Mark Madden?.....What could be the hottest indy show to hit Florida comes to Tampa on 9/24 as Steve Keirn meets Ted DiBiase, Kevin Sullivan goes against The Sheik, Heavenly Bodies vs. Al & Lou Perez (Sounds like a dog but Backlund and Lou have worked about a million times with each other and their bouts were usually at least ***), Valentine-Funk, Jr., and Firecat (Brady Boone) vs. Sabu. Someone with money must be backing this thing as they are using Ticketmaster (which charges the promotion a fee) and they've had spots on the Fox station in Tampa which also costs some bucks.....Steve Austin suffering from a bum knee. Not sure how much time he'll miss.....Sam Houston coming to WCW as a jobber.....Can someone please tell me what happened to Terry Gordy? Okay, so he couldn't be revived at Narita airport. But why? Sounds like some wrestler protection here folks. What happened to journalism?.....MEDIA STUFF: FT. Lauderdale Sun Sentinel had a big story on University of Miami defensive tackle Dwayne Johnson in Sunday's paper. Dwayne is the son of Rocky Johnson. The story claims that Jimmy Snuka and "The Wild Samoans" are his uncles. I believe Samoans are but I'm doubtful on Snuka. Help anyone?.....9/13 edition of The Sporting News gives a thumbs down to TCI cable out of Evansville, IN for not allowing 8 men in a group home for mentally disabled order SummerSlam. How come I can hear members of the mainstream press making a joke of that..... Hulk Hogan is set to join David Lee Roth and LaToya Jackson as a celebrity judge at the Topless Performer of the Year show in Las Vegas in November.....

Now let me get this straight. Paul Roma becoming a Horseman wasn't Ric Flair's idea. But the ideas and booking of the Sting-Flair scenario were Flair's. Who tells people this stuff? I wouldn't believe Flair. I think it's a combination of some writers not wanting to make Flair look bad and not wanting to give the bigwigs at WCW any credit.....Update on fellow hardcore Tony Aragona's meeting with The Sheik's son. Tony received a Sheik T-shirt and an autographed photo from Ed Farhat, Jr. I'm sure he'll wear that T-shirt in full force on 9/24.....Jerry Lawler met Tatanka tonight in Memphis as well as Jarrett-Tommy Rich (show in progress as I type)..... Del Wilkes (formerly the Trooper) now working as the Spellbinder in USWA. If the gimmick works I expect him to head to Titan. Oooh. Magic vs Magic with Papa Shango. Sounds like an opening match on a "B" team show to me..... I'll guarantee you one thing about this year's War Games. It'll be the worst one ever.....I have to disagree with you on this one J.B. I like the new NWA concept. All the groups have enough talent to keep me interested..... Alex Marvez, I had to chuckle at your comment in your column in the Miami Herald this past Sunday when you said Flair would defend his meaningless title. What title in the states actually means anything these days anyways?

Until next time when I'll have full details on the 9/24 show in Tampa. See ya,

Ron

(Hey Barry, When are you going to buzz that tower?)

Sucker Punch

BY BARRY ROSE

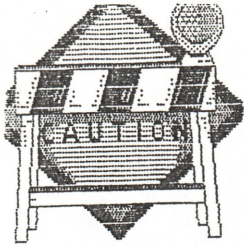


Y'know, memories linger in our minds in many different ways. Some of us choose to only remember the good, while others recall the negative. Most of us probably fall into a category somewhere in between. Yet, when I think about Jake "The Snake" Roberts, I only bring up happy memories. Forget about his legal problems involving assault and battery, forget about his alleged wife beating, and forget about his numerous public appearances while seemingly under the influence of narcotics. No, the Jake Roberts that I choose to remember is a 20 year old kid that I first met back in the fall of 1975, who showed a kindness that couldn't have been faked for a million bucks. Jake was a skinny guy that was working (usually) the opening match under the name Jake Smith Jr. He didn't win too many matches, but to many of the rabid Florida fans of that era, it really didn't matter. One night after the matches, I'm standing outside of the dressing rooms waiting for some of the wrestlers to come out. Besides me, there was a guy in a wheelchair, a teenager who looked like he was in one of those nerd movies, and a lady who reminded me of Granny from the Beverly Hillbillies. We all had paper and pens in hand waiting to get autographs. All of us we're especially excited about getting to see Dusty Rhodes. Well, ole splotch belly waddled outside and right past us. The guy in the wheelchair asked Virgil for his autograph. Dusty mumbled something about not having any time for "this crap", and climbed into a skanky looking rat's van. Jake (Roberts) Smith came out immediately following Rhodes, and had witnessed what had happened. He gave blubber butt a look, and then immediately went over and shook hands with the guy. Jake signed autographs, took photos with us, talked about just starting out in the business, and was a general all around nice guy for over a half of an hour. It wasn't like he didn't have anything better to do, either. A babe and a half with wavy brown hair sat on the hood of her car the entire time, patiently waiting for him. He genuinely cared, and each of us knew that. When Jake left, The nerd and the Granny look-alike compared signatures, and the guy in the wheelchair mentioned that this kid, who hadn't won a match, was now his favorite wrestler. Jake made an impression on me that night that will last a lifetime. Everytime I pick up a sheet and see that Jake showed up inebriated, I cringe. I choose to remember Jake the way he was, not what he's become.

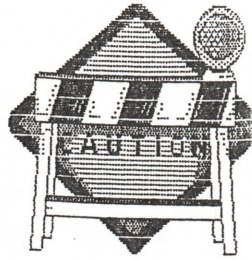
SID WATCH '93: Well, the old Sid-meister is up to his old tricks again. A man who has walked out of more wrestling companies than Heidi Fleiss has walked out of bedrooms, Sid pulled this stunt one more time on Sept. first. This true professional apparently was refusing to take a mandatory drug test, though one story had Sid in some kind of an altercation with Arn Anderson. Whatever the case, Mr. Eudy returned to WCW shortly thereafter, and now we're lucky enough to have him in the Wargames. Maybe he won't scream out spots or knock anyone unconscious this time. But, I wouldn't bet on it.

WHAT'S UP? In the Sept. 9 edition of the Miami Herald column, the Film editor was giving a rundown of this fall's upcoming movies. When he reached Hulk Hogan's long delayed "Mr. Nanny", the witty editor had this to say-"Oct. 8-Mr. Nanny has Hulk Hogan. "Finish your steroids or there will be NO television for you young man."...How many of you have heard the rumor concerning Toni Adams? I know that all of the sheet editors have, and many believe it to be true, but no one has even alluded to it. If you haven't heard it this probably means that you have a life...How about those "Quebec Provence Rules"? Just when you thought that the WWF had stopped screwing with us they pull a stunt like that. Maybe I should really be blaming Scott "I've got a worse attitude than Sid" Steiner... that'll do it this issue. Be back at the first of the month with special news on a thirty page issue of **CHAIRSHOTS** to be released this winter. Until then, I'm long gone!!

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THE RAZOR'S EDGE



By Jimmy Berkley

Who is taking this NWA thing serious? Additions, withdrawals, resignations, new members, who cares? Maybe I'm being a mark in this case but of what relevance does paying \$500 and being declared a NWA member? Why would Cornette jeopardize his good graces with Vince over this piece of shit alliance? Oh, and the board currently recognizes Terry Funk, Hawk and Dibiase as the top contenders for the NWA champ? Jeez, did I just open up an Apter mag or Wrestling Fury? The NWA lost all the credibility it once had when WCW divied up the two heavy-weight belts. It's well known Flair has always been disgusted with that split and second rate shine put on the NWA belt. When Jim Crockett, Jr., Sam Muchnick and even Fritz Von Erich were participants in these boards it was credible and real political moves determined some of the best title changes we ever saw. Woah, now we've got potential promoters like John Arrezi and Tommy D? Whoa nellie, Katie bar the door! It's a hot night in Bangor, Maine with the Bushies vs. Iron Mike and Shango!

The recent OBSERVOR ish which gave the in-depth report on the Lucha shows in Los Angeles was intense. Normally, if Lucha was to dry up and drop off the face of Latin America, I'd roll back over and hit the snooze. Incredibly, this seemed to be something not to be missed! I hope to get a copy of it soon. Cups of ice, rocks or even a knife seem faceable from a heel's perspective but a loaded diaper is fuckin' lethal! You that do not have a kid may not identify with this little delicacy but when the little one air drops the ammo and you get the honor of changing and depositing the sweet smellin' package, you'd understand why Jake and Dallas were dodging the Huggies!

In 1987, Barry Windham had a red Porsche 944 which he and a young woman arrived in. I would see her around the back alot. Barry was dating her, I believe at one point almost married her, and apparently he ended the relationship. Well, this didn't sit well with the young woman and she proceeded to vent her frustration by smashing every front window of Barry's nice, nice home in Riverview (right outside of Tampa) and to say the least, Barry was livid in the dressing room that evening. Her name was Pam Seals, the Burt & Loni third party.

Why does Mark Madden hate WCW and Ole and Dusty? I would love to sit over a great steak dinner or go to a Braves game with Mark, just he and I, and really listen to his honest reasons for continuing attack on that company and employees? Crazy, maybe, most folks wouldn't care to socialize with removing him from his element, his stage if you will, might show a whole new perspective to why he crusades as he does. Mark, you've accomplished one of the first goals in shock journalism and that is to get a reaction. Negative or positive, you've done it and made people think. However, what has Ole done to you? He is an intelligent person who has put 20 plus years in this biz, suffered 73 stitches in his chest from a knife wielding man in my own hometown and overall knows the business inside and out. You are getting a reaction and the thought processes are in motion but the discussions or rumors or whatever you prefer to call the verbage among hardcores is not the actual material in your latest column, but your emotional state and grasp of real vs. pre-determined.

Why is it when someone talks good about Meltzer or the OBSERVOR they get accused of brown nosing or suckin' up? Seriously, lately if you compliment him, a shitload of people start declaring you as a Meltzerite or worse. I haven't seen a more informative, factual wrestling sheet anywhere else. Really, if someone can do a top ten on the flaws there, may I see it?...Why does Razor Ramone's accent come and go?...Why does Vince wear that light blue three piece suit when he can afford a \$2500 Italian silk job?...Why does Dave Brown smile so much when Cory sits close to him at WMC-TV?...Why was that photo of Toni Adams in last weeks TORCH?...

BUMPS & GRINDS

by Mike Terry

Here's a survey that made my local newspaper--maybe you saw it. Just to solidify the fact that the American populace in general has absolutely no taste, WWF Wrestling topped the list of the most disliked sports in America. The poll was conducted late last year by the Sports Marketing Group from Dallas--supposedly a representative sampling of the U.S. population, 12 years & over. Pro Boxing was 2nd, followed in 3rd, 4th, & 5th places by Ladies Pro Golf, Men's Pro Golf & Men's Senior Golf. (I can't disagree with that). Body Building was #7, Roller Derby #11, American Gladiators at 13. American Gladiators??? You have to wonder how much the pro wrestling scandals impacted this survey. Somehow I believe that even without scandals, pro wrestling would lead the way. Probably would have been the same result 20 years ago and probably will be 20 years in the future. Our appreciation for wrestling does put us in a select group.

I've got to be honest. I thought SummerSlam™ was great! Real solid beginning to end. I was surprised that many of our most visible newsletter editors & writers checked in with a negative vote, but diversity of opinion is surely not lacking among us so-called "hardcores." I was surprised at the finish of the Yokozuna-Luger title match--surprised that Lex didn't get the strap, but it's the best way to maintain interest and drawing power in their most marketable match.

Our local cable company got a call the day after SummerSlam™ from an irate viewer who wanted a refund. His reason? The Jerry Lawler-Bret Hart match was too violent! Seems like maybe this guy got a bit of an unreality check. It was a brilliant scenario, quite ably executed--obviously very convincing at least to one mark. The cable people knocked 5 bucks off his bill, by the way.

With the Smoky Mountain-WWF alliance, doesn't Ron Wright deserve a shot in the Fed? Don't think he'll get it, though--imagine the outcry from the disabled population! But, the threat of an outcry didn't stop them from pulling the stunt with the Japanese National Anthem at SummerSlam™. This wins my Maalox Moment of the Month award.

Quotes of the month: It's been a fertile month, gang, and away we go! Jerry Lawler on Tito Santana: "When he started wrestling, Colonel Sanders was only a private.".....Brian Pillman on Paul Roma: "He looks like Tarzan and wrestles like Jane.".....Todd Pettingill on Jim Cornette: "Jim--the 70s are over! Let's work on that wardrobe!".....Lawler on American teens: "They're so lazy they don't even walk in their sleep." (I wonder how Lawler's teen fans in Memphis took to that remark).....Larry Zbysko to Eric Bischoff after Terry Taylor had been on the Power Hour set: "Did we disinfect this seat after Terry Taylor sat here? What is this? Rooster feathers?" And #2 for Mr. Z--this time on Orndorff stalking Bagwell in the ring: "Look at the look on Orndorff's face. It's like Gallagher eyeing a watermelon." Lawler on Bastion Booger: "Booger's the only guy I know who thinks of his nose as a snack dispenser." And Lawler checks in on Scott Steiner: "He's strong as an ox & almost as smart."

The Jerry Lawler Golden Age Groaners of the Month: on the 1-2-3 Kid: "He went in to a pool hall and 3 guys chalked him up." And on Randy Savage: "If Macho Man gets on the air, people'll stop breathing it."

Paul Orndorff is my kind of heel. I love the way he works the crowd--a quality which seems to be missing in many of the modern-day heels. He works hard to get his heat--another quality which seems to be missing these days.....where did Jacques Rougeau's partner come from? This guy's a monster!.....I figured sooner or later WCW would show a match with Lex getting pinned, but never thought Dusty Rhodes would be the man doing it.....As far as the Equalizer is concerned, let's hope this guy just keeps going...and going...and going...preferably to another profession. God he's lousy.

From the cheap hype department: Missy Hyatt is promoted on Power Hour as having the "scoop" on what Hawk and Animal are up to. Once she finally gets on camera, she insists we'll have to call her on the hotline to find out.....can't someone recommend a hair stylist to Chris Benoit?.....If Yokozuna ever gets sick, would anyone really notice if Chief Jay Strongbow took his place?

I'm outta space & outta here! Have a great fall. See y'all next month.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS by Dave Scherer

Triple A California tour a huge success.

Last weekend, Triple A went rampaging through California with shows that by all accounts have to be termed a major success. The card from the LA Sports Arena drew almost 17,000 people and they turned away another 7,000 at the door. The people I have spoken with said that the LA show was unbelievable. It was even called the best house show that they ever saw by some. Ever. While it appears that the WWF might be starting to right their ship, WCW could definitely take a page from Antonio Pena. Hell, they could use the whole damn book. The Blue Panther and Love Machine double turn, and subsequent feud, has been riveting. Everything has been done to perfection. And Machine even got Eddy Guerrero to turn against partner Santo by grabbing a Santo mask off of a kid at ringside, putting it on, and then attacking Guerrero. It shows the kind of creativity that is so sorely lacking in WCW and also what makes a promotion a success.

Wrestling and the world of telecommunication.

Barry told me that a lot of the feedback to my first column centered around my friend in Japan who sends me electronic mail that I get within minutes. When I think about it, it really is amazing. How it works is very simple. We both have addresses on a huge computer network known as Internet. Of course, we both also have computers equipped with modems. We can mail each other notes daily at a cost of a few pennies. In addition to electronic mail, there are also a few computer networks that have wrestling discussion groups. Anyone wanting more information about how to "wrestlize" your PC, write Barry and he'll get it to me.

Where DID that match air?

OK. I think most of us will agree that Dave Meltzer is the guru. The man's wrestling knowledge is unquestioned. But, and you all knew there HAD to be a but coming, one thing he does in his sheet bothers me. He will mention that he just saw a great match from Japan on tape and not mention the show that it aired on. A few months back, he mentioned that he saw the Bull Nakano vs Devil Masami match and that he thought it was easily 5 stars. This, of course, sets off bells in the heads of psychotic traders everywhere who use Dave's ratings as a reference of tapes they should get their grubby mitts on. I can see it now. People trying in vain to acquire every All Japan Women and JWP tape in existence, since they are the two promotions that the participants work for. Boy, they were in for a rude shock to find that the match was not aired by either group. It was shown on the May edition of Kakuto's Champ Forum, which airs on the Space Vision cable network. It is probably the hardest to get Japanese wrestling TV show, since it reaches the smallest audience. It is well worth the effort to find though. They show clips and matches from many of the smaller Japanese groups like JWP, Hamada's UWF, W*ING, and Michinoku Pro. Mr. Meltzer will probably rave about the fantastic Great Sasuke vs Super Delphin title change match that had an amazing finishing sequence in an upcoming Observer. If he does NOT tell you where to get it fear not, the answer is here. It aired on the August Champ Forum.

Back to Deliverance (Otherwise known as Japan comes to the US).

The ECW (who I was VERY disappointed to see threaten tape traders with prosecution for selling their TV shows. The commercial tapes I can understand, but why does supposed hardcore sympathizer Eddie Gilbert want to stop hardcore fans from seeing his shows? Sounds pretty hypocritical to me.) is bring Tokyo to Philly on the 9\18 ECW Supercard. The Headhunters, Miguel Perez, and a mystery partner (Mitsuhiro Matsunaga maybe?) will be there from W*ING in a barbed wire baseball bat match while one half of the All Japan Tag Champs, Stan Hansen, (who won the belts with Ted Dibiase from Taue and Kawada on the 9\5 Budokan Hall show), will team with Terry Funk as faces against Eddie Gilbert and Abdullah the Butcher in a Texas Tornado Bunkhouse brawl. Of course, I will have to rough the elements, namely ECW fans who if you add up all of the teeth in an entire row of seats you wouldn't have a full set of chompers. For the humor impaired, and there was at least one of you last month, that was a joke. Readers in attendance, please feel free to stop by and say hi. I will be the guy using a pen to write on paper, as opposed to others there who will be using it to dig the wax from their ears. And for those of you who think I am exaggerating, come to Philly for a show.

* I occasionally shake my head at some of Dave Meltzer's match ratings, like the RAW match with Janetty and Michaels, and I am sure he does the same with mine, like the Blue Panther and Love Machine, but I definitely have to agree with him about the JWP 60 minute elimination tag match that aired on 8\7. Amazing stuff. And I loved the Misawa vs Kawada and especially the Hansen vs Kobashi matches from the 7\29 show that Katuyuki raved about last column. They aired on the 8\8 and 8\15 shows respectively.

* I don't get the Torch. I had a real problem with the way Wade butchered a letter I wrote last year concerning him not including the Japanese and Mexican wrestlers in his year end awards (I'll bet you're all shocked by that). Anyhow, after that, I let my subscription expire. Now I hear that Mark Madden is attacking our sheet in general and Ron Lemieux in particular. I have never met, or spoken with, Ron but I know he is a man of character, as opposed to Madden who is just a character. Ron was one of only two sheet editors to return money to me when he went out of business. That alone speaks volumes. It's a shame that Mark just doesn't get the point. Him taking Ole's hotline challenge seriously, no matter how stupid the remark was (and it WAS stupid), is the true sign of markdom. Anything that is said on a show, hotline, or publication that is produced by the promotion is a work, no matter the intent. That's why I don't take offense to Hogan lying on a WWF show. He's expected to do so. Madden should know that. The real waste in all of this is that Mark Madden is a super writer. He has talent and creativity. Yet he tries to use his arrogance gimmick instead of letting his words do his talking. In a wrestling analogy, it would be like having Jushin Liger give up aerial and mat wrestling to be a salt throwing heel who uses restholds. Look up Mark and see the light. Until next time....

A KNEE TO THE GROIN!

"THE WADE KELLER MEMORIAL BARBECUE"

BY BUTCH BIGELOW

In order to celebrate all of our Torch subscriptions expiring simultaneously, me and my pals thought it would be appropriate to commemorate this momentous occasion with a gala hog roast. We had to settle for a real hog because our first choice, Mark Madden, was committed to a prior engagement as the guest speaker at a NAMBLA convention, but it didn't matter. After all, white trash wrestling fans aren't exactly fussy eaters as long as there is a ton of fatty meats to go around. The weatherman was kind enough to guarantee an insufferably hot, muggy day. Clouds of encephalitis infected mosquitos emerged from the hundreds of stagnant water filled tires at the garbage dump we had reserved for our gathering. It was a perfect setting for a picnic and a truly glorious day was in store for us all.

Lemieux was a real crowd pleaser, eagerly performing his "Little Fireman" routine every time a grease fire would flare up in the ol' Webber grill. Not only did this putrid "Essence of Ron" add a distinctive tang to the meat but the choking clouds of acrid yellow smoke kept the flies off of the women, who were busy serving up rancid potato salad purchased the week before at Madman Buzz McGinty's Used Food Emporium.

Jimmy Berkley and Pete Lederberg were in charge of entertaining the throngs of monstrous illegitimate brats in attendance. Berkley demonstrated how to apply the perfect Moe Howard eye gouge on the kids dumb enough to volunteer to be his helpers, while Lederberg taught them how to catch bugs in their mouths. A bit later, Pete was the center of attention once again as he was blindfolded, spun around 3 times, handed a Louisville Slugger and turned loose to swat at the festive chili con carne pinata. The crowd roared when he finally connected and was scalded under a searing shower of pinto beans and chunks of grisly dog meat in a spicy sauce. In appreciation, the crowd gave Pete a standing ovation and a tube of ointment.

*True to form, Bowdren attempted to attract the attention of the 10-12 year old girls with his trademark, abstract condom animals which vaguely resembled various species of spores, molds and fungi. No simplistic balloon snakes for Jeff! He's a true master of his craft - a craft perfected several years before when he served as an apprentice on the legendary **Uncle Floyd Show**.*

Barry Rose spent most of the afternoon gloating about how he had once again won the annual "Bean Stuffing" contest earlier on. Somehow, our beloved editor was able to better his previous record of cramming 873 pinto beans (leftover from the pinata fiasco) into his sinus passages. Unfortunately for the ever beleaguered Lederberg, he found himself in the line of fire when Rose decided it was finally time to blow his nose. The impact of the sticky, slimy bean mess knocked him to the ground and as he haplessly floundered like a beached tortoise, he accidentally rolled into a patch of poison ivy. He looked like the Swamp Thing with dermatitis.

Meanwhile, Rodney Leighton, our Canadian guest of honor, was busy gorging himself on what he thought was a big piece of pickled Polish sausage when it was actually a body part I stole a few years ago from John Holmes' autopsy and kept in a jar of formaldehyde. It was supposed to be the door prize for the ladies' raffle to be held later that afternoon but Leighton devoured the whole damn thing! Fortunately there was still an uncooked "organ" leftover from the pig roast so the women never knew the difference. In fact, their only comment was "Jesus Christ! That bastard had a unit like a corkscrew! Yum yum yummy!"

While being serenaded by the dulcet, mellifluous tones of the DKLA Polka Band, we washed down our grease feast with barrels of warm generic beer; except for Rodney, who guzzled a gallon of Listerine after I told him what he had really been chowing down on. Since the damn hog turned out to be undercooked, we all spent the next couple of hours barfing up pinworms into a drainage ditch, but this just brought us all closer together. Even as we were wiping squirming goo off of our chins with our girlfriends' discarded tube tops, we all commented on what a pleasant afternoon it had been. To cap things off, the explosive baseball star, Vince Coleman, managed to get paroled just in time to toss firecrackers to the screaming, excited hordes of kids. But suddenly, it began to rain and thunder and lightning like hell. Thinking fast, I took immediate shelter under a big dead tree wrapped in aluminum foil to keep the squirrels off. That's the last thing I remember about our wonderful outing but I'm already looking forward to next year when our Matwatch subscriptions expire.

That's all the people care to know!

WHAT YOU'VE JUST READ WAS SATIRE. DID YOU BELIEVE ANY OF IT? GET A LIFE!

B R A I N D R A I N

BY MIKE ALLEN

Let me start off by explaining why I've been gone for the last few months. It seems a certain fat man in Pittsburgh had kidnapped me and tried to brainwash me into thinking I wrote for a brutal little piece of crap rag. I escaped after this fat guy passed out after consuming mass quantities.

Enough of that- on on with the news: As you know the Steiners lost the tag title to the Quebecers, but last week the Steiners had walked out with the belts and there was some question if they would return and do the job. An agreement was reached and the Steiners would lose on a dq. The Steiners could get a rematch if Scott beats Pierre. The match was taped and will air next week and Scott pins Pierre.

I will update you on more of next week's RAW later, but first I'll give some other news. Vince McMahon has been frantically calling Madussa to get her to join the WWF. McMahon has called 5 to 6 times and Madussa has not returned his calls. Any deal will have to include Greg Valentine; Madussa's current beau and soon to be husband.

Mr. Perfect is also once again pulling a disappearing act. Last week he was scheduled to wrestle in Allentown, PA and he no showed. The WWF announced it was due to transportation problems, but we know better. One source inside the WWF said Perfect is again frustrated over his position in the company, but he later returned.

The Federal investigation into the WWF continues. Recently, Gene Okerland who left the WWF testified as to the happenings in the WWF.

Speaking of scandals, on a recent TVshow one of the girls who worked for alledged madam Heidi Fleiss claimed she was stiffed (not a pun on words) once by a big name WWF wrestler in L.A., and it's believed it was a muscular blond.

Back to Monday Night RAW- in matches that were taped P J Walker will beat I.R.S. when Razor Ramon comes down to ringside and distracts I.R.S. Randy Savage and Brett Hart team up to beat Yokozuna and Bam Bam Bigelow on a dq. Hart replaced an injured Luger. Luger could be out of action for some time with an injured disc in his back.

For old time sake, I called Marty Jannetty to listen to his answering machine. He claimed he couldn't answer the phone as he was out chasing a piece of tail and he would be busy. I also called Terry Gordy to find out how he is since when he arrived in Japan he was passed out cold.

Finally, I called up my old buddy Sid Vicious to get the lowdown on his recent troubles with WCW, and he claimed all he wanted to do was to get home to be with his son. I asked him why he would not take a drug test, and he told me "You don't know what you're talking about boy, shut the hell up".

Also congratulations to the Undertaker who became a proud daddy of a baby boy. Rumor has it that the baby smelled of embalming fluid.

We recieved late word in that Eddie Gilbert was fired from ECW by Tod Gordon. Also in a match to determine the commissioner of Smokey Mtn wrestling, Terry Funk (representing Jim Cornette) beat Bob Armstrong therefore Jim Cornette is the new commissioner.

Until the next time- take care!

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Dear Barry,
Although I have been an off and on wrestling enthusiast for the last few years, only recently did I become interested in the sheets. I saw the Observer and didn't like the format, though the info was good. Not real interested in the Torch. I started picking up CHAIRSHOTS a couple of months ago. It seems the most opinionated rag out there. Editorials and rude language-boy, I'm happy like a faggot in a men's room. Which brings me to my next point-Butch Bigelow. This guy is quick witted, sarcastic, and funny. Hey, it's only a joke and whomever takes him seriously has probably got the IQ of a bag of rocks. Butch, too bad you couldn't produce a Rob Lowe type video starring Michael and MacCauley!



NICK DUMAS
CALGARY, ALTA., CANADA

Barry,
Ain't but one thing wrong with your sheet. That's Butch Bigelow. I can stand a letter every now and then, but an actual column? NO WAY!! Maybe it's the way I perceive him, but it seems to me that he's trying to be funny. In my opinion you can't try to be funny and actually be funny. On the brighter side, I've always enjoyed Mike Terry. I'm glad to see him writing once again. Dave Scherer's all right. I'm glad somebody besides Meltzer and Bowdren got those Japanese names straight. Keep up the good work!!

DARRELL DICKENS
ASHEBORO, N.C.

(ED. NOTE: Dave Scherer thinks your all right also, Darrell.)

Barry,
CHAIRSHOTS is a brutal piece of crap rag because unlike WON or the Torch, I don't know how many more issues I have on my subscription. As I couldn't survive without your columnist's insights, especially the mother of all laid back scribes, Mr. B. Bigelow, enclosed find a renewal check. Sheet fights are actually better than most wrestling fare. Can any reader supply me with the Onita-Pogo exploding ring of fire, glass and barbed wire studded axe on a pole (Kowalski) under a mask in which the loser had to undergo a mid ring ritual circumcision?

RICHARD SIEGEL, M.D.
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(ED. NOTE: In your honor, beginning this issue, we started mailing along notices notifying readers who have two issues remaining, that its time to resubscribe. Any truth to the rumor that your the Dr. who performed the circumcision? A little off the top, Richard?)

Yo Barry,
I read an editorial in the August 29 Miami Herald about a just published book about Notre Dame's Football program under coach Lou Holtz. It's revelations eerily parallel that of Titan's current problems. Rampant steroid use (granted, use is now abated), special treatment of athletes, questionable behavior by assistants and Holtz's (mis)treatment of players. In light of all this, may I suggest a name change for Jeff Bowdren's column? How about "Under The Tarnished Shootkick". Go 'Canes!!

GREG GOODE
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA.

(ED. NOTE: As you wish!)

Barry,
I have not been able to get CHAIRSHOTS for a while because I'm paranoid about the local postal inspector noticing all of the other weird mail I get. Further issues of CS along with everything else might just hasten any forthcoming postal service bust. Even so, I feel that I must reorder after Mark Madden's stellar recommendation of CS as a "Brutal little piece of crap rag". Just the type of publication I like to spend a little spare time with. On to other things. I enjoyed the last Clash, but my biggest disappointment came when famous Fla. sheet personalities strategically placed themselves for the fullest on camera exposure, yet did not encore the infamous Bowdren live move from the Florida Superbrawl from a couple of years back. Was attorney Chris Qualmann seated ringside with sheet people to advise them of their rights of freedom of expression in the event of any conflict with security?

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